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Wing Mobilizes at Fremont

Air Cadet Recruiting Is Praised by Army

In recruiting cadets for the army air corps the Nebraska wing of Civil Air Patrol is handling one of its most important assignments thus far with distinction.

In a recent bulletin to CAP commanders in the nine states of the Seventh Service command, Maj. R. E. Davis, air officer especially cited the Nebraska organization.

"Nebraska," he wrote, "seems to have received more applications than the other wings combined."

Capt. Frank V. Kent, army recruiting officer for Nebraska and South Dakota, told the wing staff that he believed the Nebraska wing is doing the outstanding job in the nation as far as this assignment is concerned.

The Cornhusker members have attacked the job with energy, determination and imagination.

Full time recruiting offices have been established in Omaha and Lincoln, and part time offices in smaller communities. The state committee is headed by Capt. M. M. Myers, wing executive officer.

Aerial recruiting caravans have been dispatched to more than a score of communities. At one place alone, McCook, 42 applicants were waiting when the caravan arrived. Some pictures of these activities are contained in this issue. This portion of the drive has been directed by Lt. Roy Highfield, Omaha squadron No. 1, assigned to work with the cadets as liaison officer. (Nebraska's contribution in this sphere included one cracked-up airplane.)

CAP cadets have been working hard on this program. At the Alliance air base celebration recruiting was slow, and Lt. Highfield instructed them to go out into the crowd and round up applicants. They brought in 18 within a short time.

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1st Lt. Paul G. Gordon, new Grand Island commander

Grand Islanders Buy Building For Airport

The Grand Island squadron has purchased a building which will be moved to the new airport for use as headquarters, according to a report from the new squadron commander, Lt. Paul Gordon.

It was purchased from contractors at the air base there, and the money which enabled a speedy transaction was furnished by Lt. Stover Dats. Members are making up the sum with donations. The structure is 72 feet long and 22 feet wide. The Cornhusker CAP News congratulates the squadron on its enterprise in the matter—and hopes the congratulations will be rewarded with a photograph for the next issue.

Lt. Gordon, the new commander has been active in CAP since the Grand Island squadron was organized. He was appointed adjutant last December, after serving as supply officer for several months. He's an aviation enthusiast, a hard worker, and his appointment provides assurance that he will keep clicking.

Lt. Gordon reports that the squadron is preparing to organize a cadet unit.

YOU HAVE A "MUST" DATE
Every CAP member in Nebraska should

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Cong. Stefan to Speak

First state-wide mobilization of the Nebraska wing of the Civil Air Patrol will be held at the Fremont airport over the Labor Day holiday, Sunday and Monday, September 5th and 6th.

Highlights of the two-day affair will include demonstrations by the various squadrons and flights within the wing, a banquet in the Fremont auditorium, and a full dress parade through downtown Fremont. There will be aerial bombing competitions and infantry drill competition for one flight from each squadron.

Congressman Karl Stefan of Norfolk will be the principal speaker at the banquet. Other government and military officials are being invited. Acceptance has already been received from Congressman Howard Buffett of Omaha.

The Fremont squadron, under command of Lt. Arthur Baldwin, is going to a great deal of effort and making extensive plans to carry out the role of host.

Col. Joseph Leedom, acting director of the Seventh Defense Region, is contacting army ordnance officials to determine whether it is possible to hold an ordnance show in connection with the event. If so it will be in the hangar at the Fremont airport. Cong. Stefan, who is close to the CAA in Washington, is joining with the CAP in an effort to obtain special and interesting aircraft for mobilization.

Arrangements for the affair are in charge of a general committee consisting of Capt. Rudy Mueller, wing supply officer, Capt. Crawford Follmer, wing training officer, Capt. Vic Schroeder, wing operations officer, Capt. Oscar Cooke, commander of Omaha squadron No. 1, Lt. Baldwin and Lt. Bill Brown, commander of the Lincoln squadron.

A tentative program and certainly subject to considerable revision) has been set up as follows:

SUNDAY

Registration until 12:00 noon
Lunch at Airport

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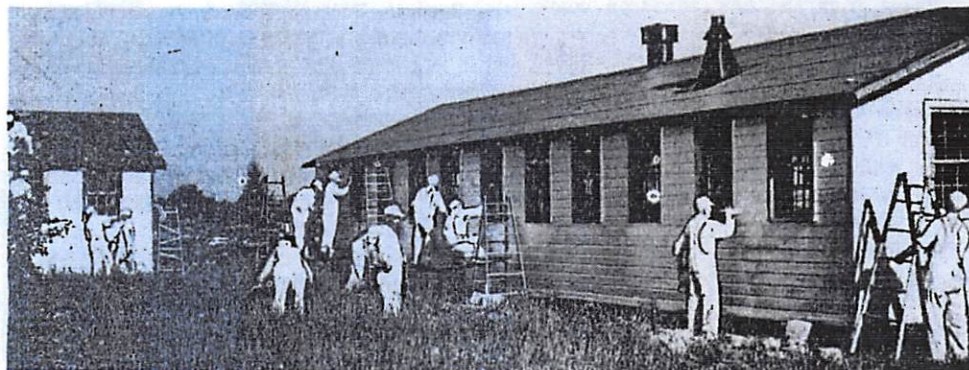
ONE MORE CHANCE FOR PILOTS

National headquarters of the CAP has accepted the responsibility of certifying for flight instruction pilots and student pilots who are not eligible for training under CAA regulations but who, with some further instruction, could quickly qualify for war-effort jobs requiring a high degree of skill. To be eligible for CAP certification, a pilot must have long draft deferment or no draft status; must be able to qualify for CAP active duty within six months, and must be free to leave his normal duty to spend a minimum of two months per year on active duty.

Commander of Squadron 2, all women squadron organized May 29, 1943 is Lt. Belle Hetzel. The staff consists of the following: Executive Officer, 2nd Lt. Beatrice Mack; S-1 Adjutant, 2nd Lt. Lorraine Miller; S-2 Intelligence, 2nd Lt. Gwen Hess; S-3 Training, 2nd Lt. Margaret Broderick; S-4 Supply and Transportation, 2nd Lt. Dorothy Moore Anderson; Operations, 2nd Lt. Alice Riss; and Communications, 2nd Lt. Madeline Kranda.

PILOTS—KEEP THIS IN MIND

Capt. Wm. A. Fraser, Jr., wing engineering officer, reminds pilots that Fremont airport regulations prescribe a RIGHT HAND turn in event of a southerly wind.



On August 15, 35 painters, members of Omaha District Council No. 7, AFL, painted the two CAP buildings at the airport in a remarkably fast time of 1 hour and 25 minutes.

The painters helped because they figured that, with their brushes, they were taking a few extra swipes at the axis.

Equipment with which the painters worked was furnished by five Omaha firms: G. A. Steinheimer company, Swan Painting and Decorating Company, Feldman Painting and Decorating Company, C. H. Hendrikson and Sons, Hansen Painting and Decorating Company and Isard Painting and Decorating Company.

"To both painters and contractors, the Omaha CAP is grateful," said Capt. Oscar O. Cooke, commander of squadron 1.

Work on the building is moving apace. Omaha squadrons No. 1 and 3 have roofed the buildings.

Sgt. Louis Cutler, an architect, has drawn up some very fancy plans for the transient airmen's lounge and the CAP activities building.

BY SGT. WINN NELSON

(Picture on Page 4)

Lt. William G. Brown, new commanding officer of Lincoln's CAP squadron, was honored Sunday, June 27, with a banquet in the Cornhusker hotel, attended by the wing staff, several army officers, and 35 squadron members.

Major Harry B. Sidles, wing commander, lauded the choice of Lt. Brown as head of the Lincoln squadron, to succeed Lt. Ray Ramsey, now on duty for the USO in the Panama Canal Zone.

Major Sidles outlined the work of the CAP in Nebraska, praising its effectiveness in training men and women for jobs in the war.

"The Lincoln Air Base," he said, "has derived a great deal of service from the two CAP courier flights that transport air corps issue for the base's sub-depot."

Lt. Brown spoke briefly, saying he was confident the Lincoln squadron was on solid ground and ready to go ahead with a new training program. He told the members that their newly recruited CAP cadets would look to them for guidance.

Army Capt. Frank Kent, coordinator of air cadet recruitment for Nebraska and South Dakota, discussed the CAP's recent assignment of recruiting aviation cadets for the army air forces. Lieut. James E. Miller, aviation recruiting officer at the Lincoln air base, said his aviation cadet board is equipped to handle all examinations given cadet candidates.

Others who spoke were Capt. Crawford Follmer, wing training officer; Capt. Harry Burke, wing communications officer; Capt. Lawrence W. Youngman, wing intelligence officer; and Capt. Earle C. Reynolds, wing transportation officer.

Lt. Raymond Case, Lincoln squadron intelligence officer, was toastmaster.

OFFICERS OF 'HOST' SQUADRON

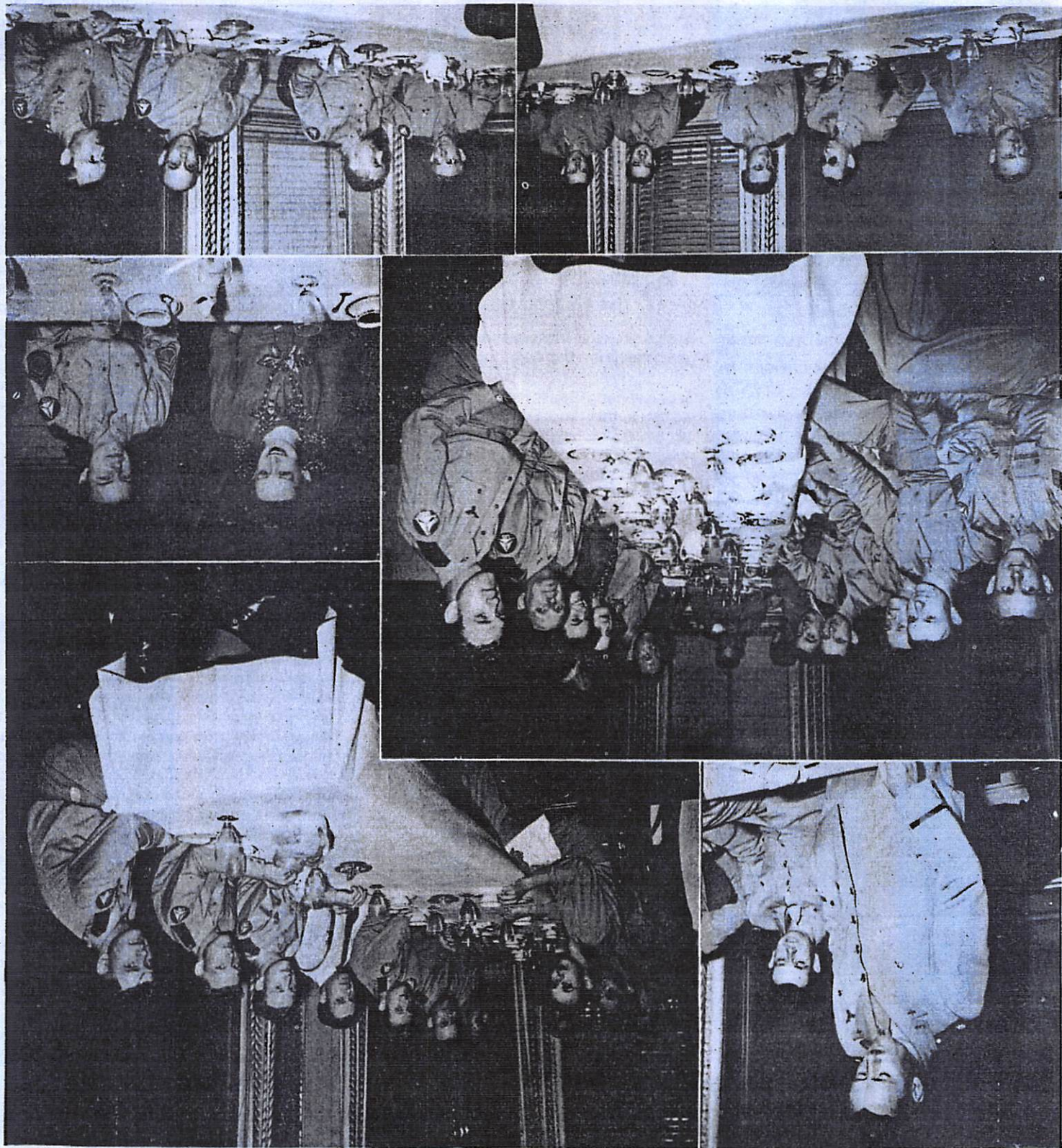
Listed here are the members of Lt. Arthur Baldwin's Fremont squadron staff, who will assume the role of hosts to the state wing on September 5-6:

Executive officer, Bob McDonald; adjutant, Mrs. Bessie Spangler; intelligence, Stephan Spangler; medical Dr. Lloyd Raglan; supply and transportation, Forrest Rose; operations, Eugene Dierrs; training supply land transportation, Forrest Rose; Gilbert E. Brayton.

Must Date

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bear in mind that attendance at the CAP mobilization in Fremont is a "must" and only the best of reasons will be accepted as excuse for failure to attend. This is our first mobilization—and we must make it a good one.



Scenes At The Lincoln Squadron's Dinner

On this page are Norman Case's photographs of the dinner which the Lincoln squadron gave in honor of its new commander, Lt. William Brown. In the upper left hand corner, Maj. Harry B. Sidles looks as though he is about to start out with "Unaccustomed, as I am . . ." At his left is Lt. Brown. The two young ladies are Mary Gresson (left) and Sgt. Winn Nelson, deputy intelligence officer.

The two pictures at the bottom are of the officers at the speakers table. Left to right, Capt. Earle L. Reynolds, Capt. Harry Burke, Lt. Raymond Case, chairman, Maj. Sidles, Lt. Brown, Capt. Lawrence W. Youngman, Capt. Frank V. Kent, and Lt. Jas. E. Miller. The latter two are U. S. Army officers.

Air Cadet Recruiting

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Praise for the CAP effort is contained in a letter which Capt. Kent sent to Capt. Meyers about a month ago.

"In compliance with your request that this headquarters furnish you with a report of the number of Aviation Cadet applicants, qualified and disqualified, for which the Civil Air Patrol has been directly responsible during the month of July, we submit the following information.

"Our records indicate that there have been 72 Aviation Cadet applicants processed by our Omaha Board during this period. Of this number fifteen (15) have been completely qualified and processed, ten (10) have been rejected, the balance are pending completion of their examinations. These figures most certainly do not reflect in any sense of the word the true picture of your efforts to assist our Aviation Cadet campaign. In the first place, regulations prohibit us from requesting reports from other Aviation Cadet Boards in the state, of which there are seven in number, hence we have no way of knowing how many men the Civil Air Patrol has secured for such other boards. We have heard informally from many of the Boards, all indicate the fact that Civil Air Patrol is co-operating fully in the campaign. In the second place, any attempt to measure the good which your organization is doing for this campaign on the basis of number of applicants actually processed falls so far short whatsoever. As an example we cite the fact, on the present recruiting flights which are covering almost the entire State of Nebraska, will result in men applying in the future who could not in any way be identified as having been recruited by such flights. Any attempt to estimate the publicity value in this flying campaign would be futile.

"There are not sufficient words at our command to express our appreciation to the Nebraska Wing of the Civil Air Patrol for their help in our recruiting drive. It is the writers desire to personally commend all of the members of the Wing Staff, and Lt. Roy Highfield, for their part in this program. In my entire experience with the Recruiting Service I have never found an organization who cooperated more heartedly or who entered into an assignment more enthusiastically.

"I sincerely hope that this communication will serve as a substitute for the actual facts and figures which it is impossible to give you.

Very truly yours, Frank V. Kent, Captain, Infantry, Asst. Rctg. & Ind Officer.



—Jack Bailey, Photo.

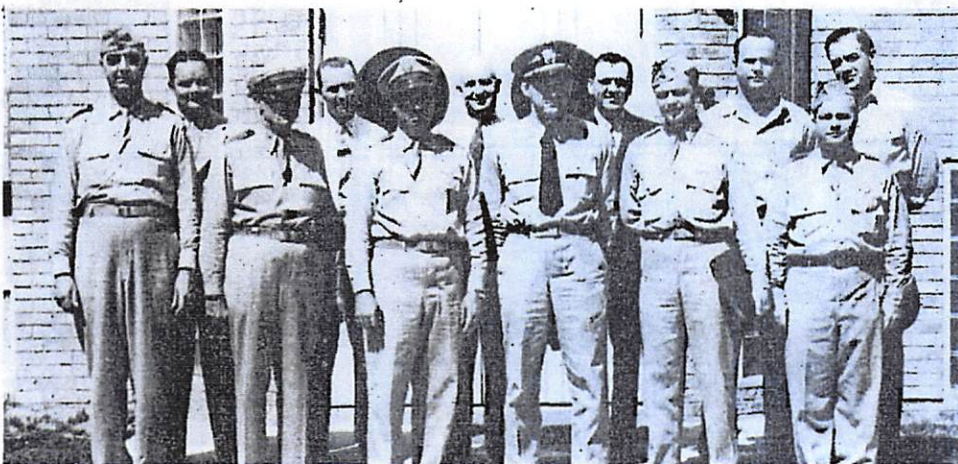
Elks, Legionnaires and Veterans of Foreign Wars Welcome CAP.

Elks, Legionnaires and Veterans of Foreign Wars shared honors with the Grand Island squadron of the Civil Air Patrol the past week when a traveling recruiting party of CAP and army officers visited Grand Island.

An explanation of the army air corps enlisted reserve requirements and procedures was made to a group of 17 central Nebraska youths previously contacted by the Elks lodge under its aviation cadet sponsorship program.

Members of the group left to right, front row: Eldon Cunningham, chairman of the

Elks aviation cadet committee; Gus Kallos, Legionnaire; Lt. Stover Deats, CAP executive officer; Lt. Ray Russell, Omaha CAP pilot, and Second Lt. F. Gagne, Seventh Service Command recruiting officer. Back row, left to right: Bill Delaney, Legion commander; Lt. Paul Gordon, CAP squadron commander; Lt. Jerry Murphy, CAP squadron adjutant; County Judge Paul Kirk, representing the Elks; Lt. Rex Lathen, CAP; Second Lt. M. J. Kramer, local cadet recruiting officer and Lt. S. B. Marsh Omaha CAP pilot.



Chadron was "bombed" August 5, by an army—CAP recruiting caravan.

Front row, left to right, Lt. L. J. Heinsen, C.A.P.; Captain Vic Schroder, C.A.P.; Lt. Carl Lang, C.A.P.; Lt. A. M. Downes, C.E.C.; Lt. F. Gagne and Lt. Ray Russell, C.A.P.

Back row left to right, N. C. Brown, President Chadron Chamber of Commerce;

George Babcock, chairman airport committee Chamber of Commerce; H. C. Jones, Mayor; Judge Ernest M. Johnson, Secretary of Chamber of Commerce and secretary of of Elks Lodge; Homer M. Brown, exalted ruler Elks Lodge; L. Worley.



The picture above shows the group that was waiting when the caravan arrived at Imperial.

CAP GIRLS CAN BUY WAC APPAREL

Here's good news for the girls. National headquarters announces that the air corps has given approval for female CAP members to purchase WAC uniforms (except caps) from authorized army exchange stores.



Here members of the caravan are shown with members of the Hastings reception committee. From left to right are: Capt. Boritz, commanding the 74th college training detachment at Hastings, Lt. Norma Adams, CAP pilot from Crete, CAP Cadet Roland Reifschneider of Omaha, Cunningham, Omaha, Lt. Holt of the army, Orville Kindig of Hastings, an air cadet recruit, Lt. Gagne, L. C. Puckett of the Beebe Flying Service at Hastings, Lt. Romlinger, army pilot, and Lt. F. O. Kimmel, CAP pilot of Lincoln.

CAP PARTICIPATES AT ALLIANCE

Officials at the Alliance Air base especially invited the CAP to attend their August 22 dedication and demonstration, and many red shoulder loops were in evidence.

Maj. Sidles and the majority of the members of his wing were present. So were members from Omaha, North Platte and other points. Scottsbluff was also represented by 18 cadets, and Omaha No. 1 by seven cadets. The latter "hitch-hiked" their way out by army transport planes, and were shown extra courtesies, including some rides on operational trips, while there. Three CAP planes were among the exhibits, and a CAP recruiting booth for air cadets was in operation.

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On this page are pictures made by the Cornhusker CAP News photo editor, Lt. Robert Fisk, while on one of the seven special flights conducted by the Nebraska wing to boost recruiting of army air corps cadets in Nebraska.

The official delegation which met the caravan at the Imperial airport is shown with Lt. F. Gagne, (extreme right) of the U. S. army recruiting service. The others, left to right, are: Dr. Fay Smith, Henry W. Curtis, David F. Meeker, J. C. Naylor, L. Claus, Mayor C. G. Adams and Archie L. Smith.

Another member of the committee is 2nd Lt. Arthur Luhrs of the CAP.

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13:30 Formation of all Civil Air Patrol Squadrons.

Flag-raising ceremony

General orders

14:00 Inspection of Squadrons

14:30 Infantry Drill

Review of complete Civil Air Patrol Wing

15:00 Training Demonstration, each squadron and detached flight allotted 15 minutes for demonstration.

16:30 Bombing Competition

18:00 Flag-lowering Ceremony and

Retreat.

19:30 Banquet—Fremont Municipal Auditorium.

MONDAY

8:00 Breakfast—round-table discussion with Squadron Officers meeting with Wing Officers.

10:30 Formation of entire wing for parade probably Municipal Park, downtown Fremont. Pilots only will report at at Fremont Airport for formation flight over city.

11:00 Parade

12:30 Lunch at Airport.

13:30 Competition in drill—each squadron being represented by one flight.

15:00 Special Air Events

JOHN SCHWINDT OF LINCOLN

SQUADRON KILLED IN CRASH

John Schwindt, Jr., Lincoln squadron member, was killed July 14, when his Taylorcraft airplane hit a power wire strung across the lake at Southbend, Nebr., and crashed into the water.

Schwindt's instructor, Morton Fitzpatrick of the White and Jensen flying school, escaped without injury. The two were returning from Omaha to the flying school at 6:30 p.m. when the crash occurred.

An active member of the Lincoln squadron, Schwindt had accumulated about 30 hours of flying time and a few weeks ago purchased his own plane.

A military guard of 12 squadron members attended Schwindt at funeral services July 17.

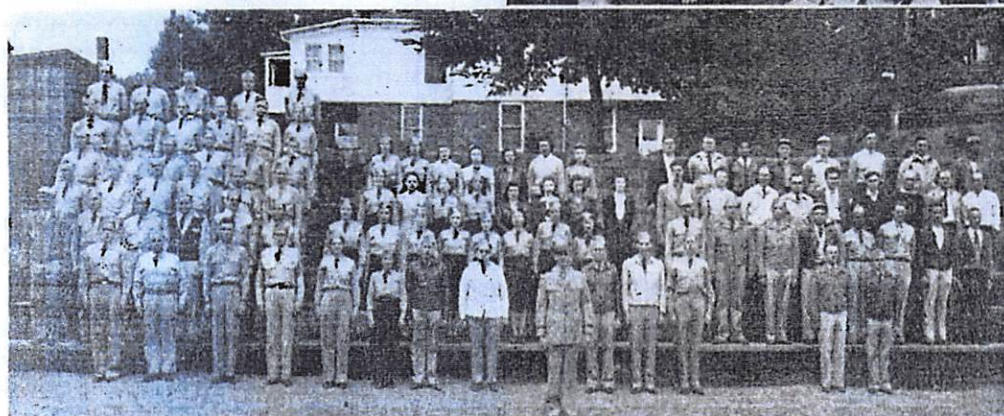
For intensive activity, the training program that is being carried out by the cadets of Omaha squadron No. 1 puts all senior groups to shame. The cadets have classes five nights a week—and each cadet is required to attend at least two meetings a week. In the picture above they are learning about airplane construction from Instructor Bill Jefford, who spent nine months in England with the RCAF.

Lt. Roy Highfield reports an increase of twenty five cadets during the last month. The enrollment is now eighty.

Shown at right are members of Flight No. 4 of the Martin-Nebraska squadron as they received instruction on artificial respiration methods from Lloyd Breeden of the Red Cross. G. K. Anderson is flight commander. —World-Herald Photo.



As the air cadet recruiting drive was opened in Omaha. The two boys seated in the center are cadet applicants, Cliff Rahel, left, and Francis Payne. At the typewriter is Miss Dorothy Cathers of the women's squadron, who has volunteered a great deal of time to the center. Others, left to right, are Capt. Frank V. Kent of the army recruiting service, Capt. Earle L. Reynolds, wing transportation officer, Lt. F. Gagne of the army recruiting service, and Capt. M. M. Meyers, wing executive officer and chairman of the air cadet drive in the state.



Pictured here are some of the 125 members of the new and energetic Martin-Nebraska squadron, composed of second-shift employees at the Glenn L. Martin-Nebraska aircraft plant, under command of Lt. William Garner. The squadron meets three times each week at the Omaha Aircraft Company, 2523 Farnam Street.